Development of some areas of Uttar Pradesh as tourist resorts

245. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Central Government's consideration to develop some areas of Uttar Pradesh as tourist resorts; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b). A large number of proposals for development of tourist centres in Uttar Pradesh are under consideration. The Central Government has already sanctioned the following schemes during the last 2 years:

(1) Tourist Complex at Fatehpur Sikri.

(2) Tourist Complex at Sravasti.

(3) Development of Auli-Joshimath as Winter Sports Resort.

(4) Providing assistance for improving Ghats in Varanasi.

(5) Construction of Yatrikas at Brindaban, Kampil and Nand Mehar.

(6) Assistance for construction of Ras Lila Stage along with Goverdhan Parikarma in Mathura-Vrindavan area

(7) Assistance for Lucknow Festival.

Evasion of customs duty

246. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the cases which came to light in the year 1985 involving huge amounts of evasion of customs duty;

(b) what is the estimated loss of revenue to the Exchequer from such cases;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up a separate body to deal expeditiously with the customs cases; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) It is proposed to set up a Tribunal to decide Customs and Central Excise matters, including valuation disputes, to replace the existing jurisdiction of the High Courts in these matters. The details of its constitution etc. are yet to be finalised.